

Asset Management Notice

To: All Owners and Managers Notice # 2021-10

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I. Announcing Grants for Level 2 EV Charging Stations st Multi-Unit Dwellings

Efficiency Maine is pleased to announce that grants for Level 2 EV charging stations are available for qualified multi-unit dwellings (MUD) through a new Request for Proposals (RFP). Simply complete a 4-page Application Form, attach one set of price quotes and required documentation, and submit the application by January 20, 2022 (3:00 PM local time).

Qualifying bids must propose to install a minimum of 2 EV plugs (or ports) per location and a maximum of 8 EV plugs (or ports) per location. Host sites must be located in Central Maine Power (CMP) territory. Efficiency Maine is particularly interested in projects serving low-income/affordable housing.

Winning bids may receive up to \$4,000 per plug. Download the full details and the Application Form at: www.efficiencymaine.com/rfp-em-007-2022/

To learn more about Efficiency Maine's EV Charging Initiatives, click here.

II. COVID-19 Supplemental FAQ & Draft Request Form Available

The Office of Multifamily Housing Programs published <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> for the COVID-19 Supplemental Payments <u>Notice</u>.

The draft version of the <u>HUD 52671-E CSP Request</u> is now available and includes a built-in



minimum expected funding calculator. Automated tabulation features in the form may not work in all PDF readers. To ensure full functionality, use of Adobe Reader, Chrome, or KoFax Power PDF is recommended. The final version to be used in owner submissions will be posted on HUDCLIPS later this month.

The new application period for owners of Multifamily properties participating in assisted housing programs makes more than \$180 million in supplemental operating funds available to support expenses for protecting residents and staff from COVID-19.

The Housing Notice allows owners to submit payment requests for expenses incurred through October 31, 2021. Request forms are due to HUD or the Contract Administrator by November 19, 2021.

III. HUD Update: Supplemental Guidance Issued for Interim Final Rule for Nonpayment of Rent

HUD's Offices of Housing and Public and Indian Housing published Housing Notice 2021-29 containing additional supplemental guidance and information for owners and management agents on the recently issued interim final rule, **Extension of Time and Required Disclosure for Notification of Nonpayment of Rent**. The notice includes information about how owners and managers of Multifamily properties should reference Emergency Rental Assistance funds and an example addendum that can be added to a lease termination notice.

The supplemental guidance to the interim final rule is attached and available <u>here</u>.

HUD recently published the interim final rule prohibiting the eviction of tenants facing eviction for nonpayment of rent from HUD-subsidized public housing and certain properties with project-based rental assistance without providing a 30-day notice period that includes information about available federal emergency rental assistance. The rule provides that when there is a national emergency-such as the COVID-19 pandemic-and federal money is allocated to help tenants facing eviction for nonpayment of rent, the HUD Secretary can:

- (1) Expand the notice a covered landlord must give before such a tenant must vacate a unit from 14 days to 30 days;
- (2) Require landlords to provide information to the tenant regarding federal emergency rental relief along with the eviction notice; and
- (3) Require landlords to provide notice to all tenants in public housing of the availability of emergency rental assistance. Separately, HUD is publishing notices that invoke this new rule's authority and require provision of information regarding the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

The rule goes into effect on November 8, 2021.

The Extension of Time and Required Disclosures for Notification of Nonpayment of Rent interim final rule is available here.



IV. LIHTC Allocating Agency Utility Allowance Schedule Updated

The **LIHTC Allocating Agency Utility Estimates** have been updated, effective 1/1/2022 and are published here: http://www.mainehousing.org/partners/partner-type/asset-management

If you have questions concerning this information, please contact your Asset Manager.

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